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THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

The report of the Federal Grand Jury is vigorous enough to suit the most enthusiastic antagonist of the House of Representatives. Having succeeded in securing the vouchers, Grand Jury has reviewed the situation and finds that the members of the House in handling expenditures, allowed excessive charges and carelessness in accounting, arising from failure to render detailed items.

The findings of the Federal body are of a nature that justifies a further investigation by the Territorial authorities having the proper jurisdiction. The question passed up to the Territorial Grand Jury is a determination whether the expenditures were illegal and the result of thoughtless carelessness. Thus the whole proposition of legislative expenses comes to the Attorney General in a form that makes action by his department mandatory, and the investigation passed on to the Territorial Grand Jury now in session. This body has a long and important task before it in finding what services were rendered for amounts which on the face of it appear exorbitant. The work is not complete by any means, though the Federal inquirers have gone as far as the law allows them.

The Federal report is of a nature to create a very positive opinion but until such time as the courts have finished and the record made final, the spirit of justice demands that no advance judgment shall be given.

SPENDING LOAN MONEY.

"The benefit is derived by the county and can the Territory be expected to pay for what is distinctly a county proposition?"

This query advanced by Superintendent Holloway in his discussion of the expenditure of the loan funds, represents one of the very vital issues which Governor Carter has raised at the outset of his administration. Can Territorial loan funds be expended on public works that pass to the control of the counties on the first of January?

Territorial officials are taking a proper course in being sure they are right before they go ahead. They have to take into consideration the direction given by the Legislature, which authorized the loan and the method of expenditure. They must guard the financial integrity of the Territory. They, as executive officers, are in duty bound to carry out the directions of the people, provided this direction keeps within constitutional boundaries.

The Bulletin believes that the whole history of the enactment of the county law, the loan act and the loan appropriation points to the conclusion that the loan funds are properly expended in forwarding public work coming under the administration of Territory and county. One of the much discussed points of the County Act was whether the counties should be given authority to issue bonds or the entire question of public loans remain for the Territory to determine. At that time this paper favored the county loan authorization. The Legislature, however, decided to center the loan privilege exclusively in the Territory, leaving it to the Territorial Legislature to float the loans and appropriate for the county as from time to time seemed best.

Experience with the first loan has demonstrated the advantages of this decision. No county of this Territory could hope to place a loan on such favorable terms as those just secured for the Territory and as may reasonably be expected in the future. The benefits derived accrue to taxpayers who are responsible for the maintenance of the financial integrity of the Territory and county, and whose property and earning capacity make up the Territorial assets. It does not seem reasonable that county public work should be barred from the share in the loan funds directed by the Legislature, and the taxpayers thereby virtually pay a penalty for having established local county governments. The Legislature can give the Legislature can take away. The eventual result of no loan expenditures in the county will be that the Legislature will authorize the counties to make loans and the taxpayers will pay a much larger price for their public work.

The practical phases of the expenditure of the loan fund point to following legislative direction and legal authority so far as it has been obtained from opinions outside the courts, which have not been called upon, is along the same lines.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MAKES NOMINATIONS

A. L. C. ATKINSON, Secretary of the Territory.
DR. C. B. COOPER, President Board of Health.
W. E. WALL, Surveyor.

The executive committee of the Republican Central Committee met in headquarters on Fort street yesterday forenoon and made recommendations for the officers not yet filled by the new Governor.

Dr. Chas. B. Cooper was endorsed by the committee for the position of President of the Board of Health from which he had resigned with the other heads of departments.

This position had been hanging fire for some time. The whole thing seemed to hinge on the question of whether there should be a medical or a purely business man at the head of the Board of Health. If it was to be the latter then E. C. Winston would probably have been recommended by the committee. As it was, the committee believed with Governor Carter that Dr. Cooper should be reappointed and so endorsed him for the place.

For some time past there has been a great deal of discussion over the Secretaryship of the Territory which is in the gift of the President. Mark P. Robinson was first recommended by the committee for the position. It being thought best to have a Hawaiian in at least one of the offices. However it was deemed best to allow Mr. Robinson to remain in his present position as supervisor of the County of Oahu. It was then that A. L. C. Atkinson's name was prominently mentioned and it became known about that Governor Carter preferred this candidate above all others. He wished to have an attorney in the office of Secretary of the Territory. At the meeting of the committee yesterday, Mr. Atkinson was endorsed for the position and a letter will very probably go forward in the next steamer, recommending the appointment by the President of Mr. Atkinson.

The surveyorship is the third office that had been hanging fire and at the committee meeting yesterday W. E. Wall, the present incumbent, was endorsed for reappointment.

There is no question whatever that these recommendations of the committee will be accepted by Governor Carter. Dr. Cooper and Mr. Wall will continue the work in their present positions but Mr. Atkinson will have to await his commission from the President before taking up the duties of Secretary.

DOLE ABOUT SAME.

Charles Dole was thrown from a polo pony on the other side of the Pal Saturday afternoon while racing along near the castle bean plantation with Mr. Derby, both young men being bound to Mr. Swanzy's place to remain over Sunday. Mr. Dole landed on his head and was probably saved from instant death by the stiff helmet which it had been his habit to wear for a long time past. He was rendered unconscious by the fall. Mr. Derby did all he could for his injured comrade and later on Edgar Henriques coming along in a brake, the two lifted Mr. Dole into the vehicle and he was brought as far as Mr. Henriques' place. Doctors and relatives were summoned immediately.

Mr. Dole remained in a semi-stupor all day yesterday. He was able to answer yes and no to questions asked him. Concussion of the brain seems to be the trouble. There is no injury to the skull. Today at 1 o'clock, a telephone message was received at the Bulletin office to the effect that Mr. Dole was about the same as yesterday. There was no apparent change although the patient was resting quietly.

HOT VOUCHER REPORT

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ing of women into the United States for the purposes of prostitution. Many witnesses have been examined by this Jury, with the result that its findings were reached only after a searching inquiry into the complex social conditions and requirements of the heterogeneous population of the Territory. This Grand Jury believes, Honorable Sir, that in all large communities there are as radical differences in ethical standards as exist in Hawaii, and that "PEONAGE AND IMPORTATION OF WOMEN CASES."

This Grand Jury was specifically charged by the late Honorable Morris M. Estee as to its duties relative to offenses arising under Sections 5526 and 5527 of the Revised Statutes of the Territory and 5527 of the Revised Statutes and various similar provisions of the Statutes of the United States are fully as applicable to almost every eastern city of the United States as to this Territory. The several bills

of indictment which were returned to your Honorable Court under these statutes were found by this Grand Jury in the belief that any woman living in the United States of any social status whatsoever has the right to demand and receive the full protection of the law, and that any person who assists in any way in restricting that right is answerable under the laws of the United States and the laws of all humanity.

The indefatigable industry of the United States District Attorney, Robert W. Breckons, Esq., in securing witnesses and bringing evidence before this Grand Jury has been of invaluable assistance in enabling the Jury to reach its conclusions, and the Jury desires to congratulate this Honorable Court upon having such an efficient and unprejudiced Attorney.

This Grand Jury desires to express its appreciation of the services rendered by the U. S. Marshal E. R. Hendry.

THE "MISSING VOUCHERS."

Upon the adjournment of the Territorial Legislature for the session of 1903, the Secretary of the Territory was unable to fully comply with the provision of the Organic Act, which makes it his duty to record and preserve all of the laws and proceedings of the legislature and transmit within thirty days copies of the same to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, owing to the fact that there were never deposited in his office the Vouchers of the House of Representatives, showing an expenditure by that body of a sum of over \$50,000.00 during the regular and special sessions. After deliberation, this Grand Jury decided to investigate this matter and subpoenas were therefore issued to every member of the House of Representatives and to the Clerk of the House, to appear before it. Clerk Meheula produced vouchers against which warrants had been drawn on the Treasury amounting to over \$50,000.00. Upon checking these vouchers, it was found that 29 warrants had been drawn, amounting to \$109,95, which had no corresponding vouchers. Seven of these warrants were in favor of Clerk Meheula. A list of these vouchers, showing the date of drawing, number, amount, and purpose for which drawn, has been prepared and is presented herewith as a part of this report. The list is arranged so as to show in columns the name of the person to whom the warrants were made payable and the aggregate amount received.

GLITTERING PHRASEOLOGY.

Honorable Sir, a self-respecting community has supreme contempt for one of its own number who, while temporarily invested with disarming power, stoops to slip his hand into the community till, and to balance the accounts, lingers up the cash book with glittering phraseology concerning patently fictitious services, and that community very emphatically, and properly so, classes such an act along with that of the bungling but successful forger who raises a check. The Penal Code amply covers such acts. After a careful study of the vouchers surrendered to it, and a rigid and repeated questioning of witnesses brought before it, this Grand Jury is of the unanimous opinion that during the last session of the Legislature the Treasury of this Territory was in several instances knowingly looted by the drawing of warrants against vouchers signed and approved by a chairman of committee for services never performed; that in certain instances, also, vouchers were approved and warrants drawn for services for which there were gross and flagrant overcharges, and that prosecutions, therefore, under the Penal Laws of the Territory would secure convictions.

PASS TO TERRITORY.

This Grand Jury is aware, Honorable Sir, that it has no power to find indictments for violations of Territorial Laws and it therefore most respectfully requests this Honorable Court to permit such information concerning these vouchers as is in the possession of this Honorable Court, together with a list of the vouchers such as is made a part of this report, to be transmitted to the Attorney-General of this Territory, with the request that the Territorial Grand Jury investigate this matter.

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W. H. CORNWELL'S WILL.
The last will and testament of the late W. H. Cornwell was today filed for probate.

Josephine L. Cornwell, widow, Blanch C. Walker, daughter, W. H. Cornwell, Jr., son, and Kate J. Brainerd, daughter, are to receive, share and share alike, real and personal property.

Sisters of deceased, Kate L. Vida and Mary Willifield, are each bequeathed \$5,000.

F. W. Macfarlane and A. Wilder are named executors but renounce the right, asking that letters testamentary be issued to the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co. as administrator with the will annexed.

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